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**Treaties 1 – 11 Gatherings
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2008

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2008

Name: National Indian Treaties 1 – 11 Gathering

Theme:


Location: Pithers Point Park, Fort Frances, Ontario

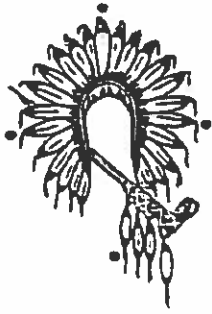
Date: August 5 – 8, 2008

Hosts: Grand Council Treaty # 3, Kenora
Fort Frances Chiefs Secretariat, Fort Frances

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TREATIES 1 - 11 GATHERING

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PITHERS POINT PARK FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO

AGENDA

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008

- ITEM ONE: CEREMONY
- ITEM TWO: GRAND ENTRY
(ALL CHIEFS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR HEADDRESS)
- ITEM THREE: CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION
- ITEM FOUR: WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
- GRAND CHIEF DIANE M. KELLY – TREATY #3
 - CHIEF OVIDE MERCREDI – NATIONAL TREATIES 1-11 SPOKESPERSON
 - CHIEF CHUCK MCPHERSON - COUCHICHING FIRST NATION
 - CHIEF WAYNE SMITH - NAICATCHEWENIN FIRST NATION
 - CHIEF GARY ALLEN - NIGIGOONSIMINIKAANING FIRST NATION
 - CHIEF JANICE HENDERSON - STANJIKOMING FIRST NATION
- ITEM FIVE: REPORT FROM THE 2007 NATIONAL INDIAN TREATIES 1 – 11
GATHERING -TBD
- ITEM SIX: LUNCH BREAK

ITEM SEVEN: OPENING REMARKS (5 MINUTES) MISSION AND GOAL OF EACH TREATY
AREA

- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 1
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 2
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 3
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 4
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 5
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 6
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 7
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 8
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 9
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 10
- SPOKESPERSON OF TREATY 11

ITEM EIGHT: CLOSING PRAYER

ITEM NINE: ADJOURNMENT

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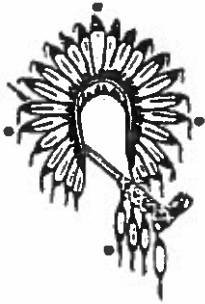
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DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2008

- ITEM ONE: CEREMONIES
- ITEM TWO: OPENING PRAYER
- ITEM THREE: RECAP OF DAY ONE: CHAIRPERSONS
- ITEM FOUR: FORMER GRAND CHIEFS OF TREATY #3 TREATIES
PERSEPECTIVE
- ITEM FIVE: LUNCH BREAK
- ITEM SIX: LEGAL PERSPECTIVE TO THE TREATIES
PANEL DISCUSSION
- ITEM SEVEN: OUR PEOPLES UNDERSTANDING OF THE TREATIES
- OPEN FORUM
- ITEM EIGHT: CLOSING PRAYER
- ITEM NINE: ADJOURNMENT

EVENING ACTIVITIES: TO BE ANNOUNCED



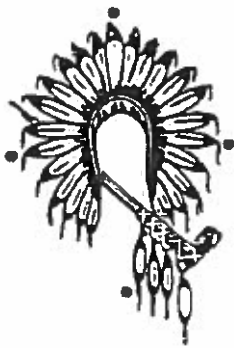
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DAY THREE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2008

- ITEM ONE: PIPE CEREMONY BY ELDER
- ITEM TWO: CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION
- ITEM THREE: RECAP OF DAY TWO: CHAIRPERSONS
- ITEM FOUR: CHIEFS FORUM
- ITEM FIVE: LUNCH BREAK
- ITEM SIX: TREATY CAUCUS
- ITEM SEVEN: ACTION PLANS: SPECIFIC MANDATES AND DIRECTIONS FROM THE TREATY CAUCUS
- ITEM EIGHT: RESOLUTIONS
- ITEM NINE: CLOSING PRAYER
- ITEM TEN: ADJOURNMENT



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DAY FOUR: FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2008

- ITEM ONE: CEREMONIES
- ITEM TWO: CALLED TO ORDER & INVOCATION
- ITEM THREE: RECAP OF DAY THREE: CHAIRPERSONS
- ITEM FOUR: CHIEFS OFFICIAL MEETING WITH HEAD REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CROWN
- ITEM FIVE: LUNCH BREAK
- ITEM SIX: IDENTIFY HOST OF NEXT TREATIES 1-11 GATHERING
- ITEM SEVEN: CLOSING REMARKS: TREATIES 1- 11 SPOKESPERSON
- ITEM EIGHT: TRADITIONAL FEAST AND GIVE AWAY
- ITEM NINE: CLOSING PRAYER
- ITEM TEN: ADJOURNMENT



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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TREATY AREA: _____

FIRST NATION: _____

CONTACT # _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

___ CHIEF

___ PROXY (ORIGINAL LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO BE PRESENTED ON SITE)

___ ELDER

___ YOUTH

___ OBSERVER

PRE-REGISTRATION

ALL PARTICIPATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRE-REGISTER. ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 25, 2008.

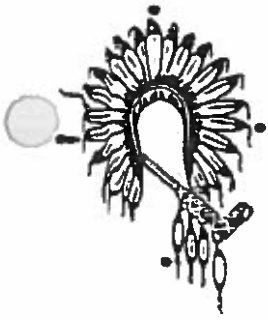
REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FAXED TO THE ATTENTION OF:

DARREN HARPER @ (807) 274-5949

NICK MAINVILLE JR. @ (807) 274-5949

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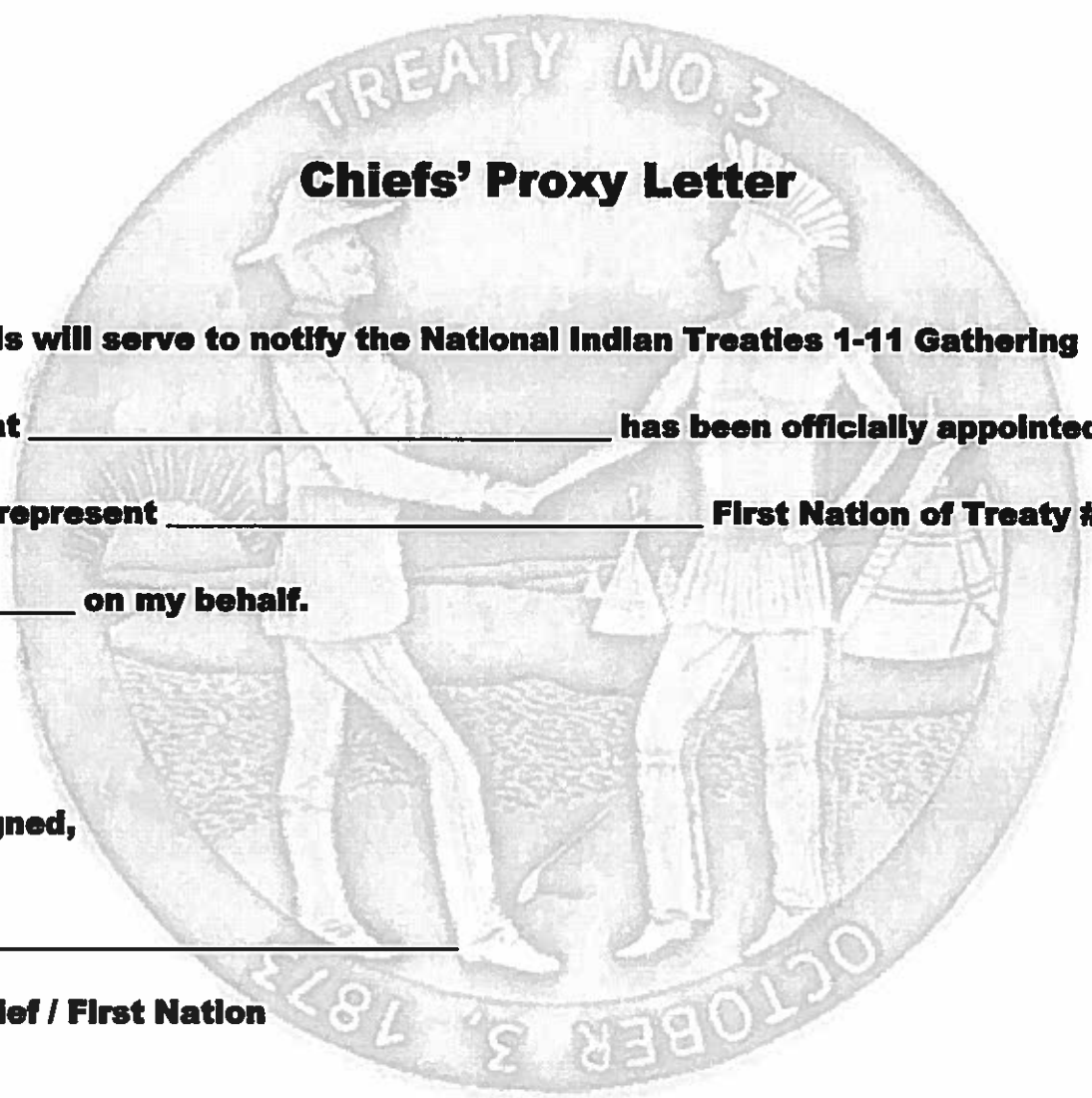
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Chiefs' Proxy Letter

This will serve to notify the National Indian Treaties 1-11 Gathering
that _____ has been officially appointed
to represent _____ First Nation of Treaty #
_____ on my behalf.

Signed,

Chief / First Nation





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Hotel and Camping Accommodations

Fort Frances Area

Super 8 Motel.....	1-800-800-8000
Adventure Inn.....	1-800-991-9197
La Place Rendez Vous.....	1-800-544-9435
White Pine Inn.....	1-807-274-3661
Bayview Motel.....	1-807-274-5347
Rainbow Motel.....	1-888-377-6466
Makabi Inn Motel.....	1-807-274-9441
Midtown Motel.....	1-807-274-9814
Reid's Voyageur Inn Motel.....	1-807-274-9805
The Emo Inn.....	1-807-482-2272

International Falls, MN Area

Days Inn.....	1-800-329-7466
Holiday Inn International Falls.....	1-877-863-4780
Super 8.....	1-800-800-8000
Budget Host Inn.....	1-800-880-2577
Voyager Motel.....	1-877-283-9424
Hilltop Motel.....	1-800-322-6671
Falls Motel.....	1-800-328-8435
Rambler Motel.....	1-800-273-0464
Northern Lights Motel.....	1-800-889-6009
Tee Pee Motel.....	1-800-850-1518

Resorts

Islandview Lodge.....	1-800-777-7856
Thunderbird Lodge.....	1-800-351-5133
Coppen's Resort.....	1-807-481-2564
The Fisheries Resort.....	1-800-680-4150
Lake Dispair Lodge.....	1-807-486-0532
Mine Centre Resort.....	1-807-599-2826
Spawn Inlet Lodge.....	1-807-599-2758

Campgrounds

Pithers Point Park.....	1-807-274-9893
Voyagers National Park.....	1-218-283-9821
Birch Point Camp.....	1-807-486-3345
Camp Ontario.....	1-807-274-9053
Cascade Camps.....	1-804-274-9030
Northern Lite Camp.....	1-807-274-9097
Paradise Point RV Park & Marina Ltd.....	1-807-226-5269
Taylor's Cove (Bear's Pass) Ltd.....	1-807-481-2526
Timber Wolf Lodge & Restaurant	1-807-599-2716
Point O' Pines Camp.....	1-807-481-1163

NATIONAL INDIAN TREATIES 1 – 11 GATHERING

"Asserting our Sovereignty through the Treaties"

Treaty No. 3 Territory,
Pithers Point Park
Fort Frances, ON
August 5-8, 2008

AGREEMENT

With and Between an

Independent Craft Vendor / Information Booth

and the

National Indian Treaties 1-11 Gathering

Craft / Information Booth agrees to set up their Craft booth or Information booth free of charge. In addition, agrees that they are to provide their own chairs, tables and sun shade. We ask kindly for a small token donation for the Giveaway to be held on Day 4 of the National Indian Treaties 1-11 Gathering.

Date: _____

National Indian Treaties 1-11 Gathering

Darren Harper, Treaty #3

Event Coordinator

Or

Nick Mainville Jr., Treaty #3

Event Coordinator

Signature: _____

Independent Craft Vendor

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Note: The National Indian Treaties 1-11 Gathering is not responsible for any loss, theft, or mishap etc. that may occur during the Event.

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**DECLARATION AT PITHER'S POINT,
TREATIES 1 – 11 GATHERING
AUGUST 5-8, 2008**

WHEREAS THE INDIGENOUS NATIONS FROM THE TREATY TERRITORIES OF TREATIES NO. 1 – 11 HAVE GATHERED IN ASSEMBLY IN THE ANCESTRAL TERRITORIES OF THE ANISHINAABEG NATION OF GRAND COUNCIL TREATY#3 KNOWN AS PITHERS PARK ON AUGUST 5-8, 2008 TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TREATIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND THE PROTECTION OF MOTHER EARTH; AND

WHEREAS THE INDIGENOUS NATIONS FROM THE TREATY TERRITORIES OF TREATIES NO. 1 – 11 HAVE, IN THE TRADITIONAL AND CEREMONIAL WAY, GIVEN A NAME WHOSE PURPOSE AND MEANING IS NOW KNOWN TO THE NATIONS AND WILL BE TRANSLATED ACCORDINGLY FOR THEIR PEOPLES; AND

WHEREAS THE INDIGENOUS NATIONS FROM THE TREATY TERRITORIES OF TREATIES NO. 1 – 11 HAVE RESOLVED TO ESTABLISH AND INSTRUCT A TREATY PROTECTION OFFICE FOR THE ADVOCACY, PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE INHERENT, TREATY AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS OF THE TREATY 1-11 PEOPLES; AND

WHEREAS THE INDIGENOUS NATIONS FROM THE TREATY TERRITORIES OF TREATIES NO. 1 – 11 HAVE GATHERED IN ASSEMBLY IN THE ORIGINAL GATHERING PLACE OF THE ANISHINAABEG NATION OF GRAND COUNCIL TREATY#3 AND SUPPORT THE ANISHINAABEG'S EFFORTS TO REPOSSESS THESE DISPUTED LANDS AS THEIR OWN LANDS RESERVED FOR THEIR USE AND BENEFIT; AND

WHEREAS THE INDIGENOUS NATIONS FROM THE TREATY TERRITORIES OF TREATIES NO. 1 – 11 HAVE AGREED TO RE-EDUCATE THEIR PEOPLE ABOUT THE TREATIES AND IN PARTICULAR, THE YOUTH OF THEIR NATIONS; AND

WHEREAS THE INDIGENOUS GATHERING OF NATIONS OF TREATIES NO. 1 – 11 HEREBY SUPPORTS AND RE-ENDORSES THE ENOCH RIVER CREE DECLARATION AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UN TREATY STUDY SEMINAR HELD AT SAMSON CREE NATION.

THE INDIGENOUS TREATY NATIONS OF TREATIES NO. 1 - 11 GATHERED AT PITHER'S POINT, AUGUST 5-8, 2008 HEREBY DECLARE AND RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. THAT ASKIW OKIMAW OKANAWAPAMKO IS THE SACRED NAME GIVEN TO THE SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT KNOWN AS THE GATHERING OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS OF TREATIES 1-1 1.**
- 2. TO CONTINUE AND TO PERSEVERE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PROMOTION, PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SACRED COVENANTS; TREATY No. 1, TREATY No. 2, TREATY No. 3, TREATY No. 4, TREATY No. 5, TREATY No. 6, TREATY No. 7, TREATY No. 8, TREATY No. 9, TREATY No. 10 & TREATY No. 11.**
- 3. REAFFIRM AND COMMIT TO THE FORT CARLTON DECLARATION OF JULY 22-27, 2007.**
- 4. TO EMPOWER THE OFFICIAL TREATY 1-1 1 SPOKESPERSON, OVIDE MERCREDI TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE TREATY AREAS TO MEET THE OBJECTS OF OUR PAST AND FUTURE DECLARATIONS.**

WE MAKE OUR DECLARATION OF PITHERS POINT AND THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CROWN AT THIS GATHERING OF NATIONS OF TREATIES 1 – 11 AT PITHERS POINT LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, TREATY No. 3 TERRITORY ON AUGUST 5-8, 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CROWN:

HONOUR, RESPECT AND IMPLEMENT THE TRUE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF OUR TREATIES AS UNDERSTOOD BY OUR ANCESTORS AND PASSED DOWN TO OUR ELDERS AND THEIR CHILDREN AND AS UNDERTAKEN BY THE PARTIES AT THE TIME OF THE NEGOTIATION OF THE TREATIES.

DISPOSITION: CONSENSUS

PITHERS POINT, AGENCY ONE RESERVE, TREATY 3 TERRITORY, AUGUST 8, 2008.

CO-CHAIR:


RON LAMEMAN



CHIEFS OF TREATIES 1 – 11 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 06-08-2008/ #03

SUBJECT: NATIONAL TREATY PROTECTION OFFICE

WHEREAS TREATY CHIEFS, HEADMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONS FROM CROWN TREATIES NO. 1 – NO. 11 DID MEET IN A DULY CONVENED GATHERING ON AUGUST 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2008 AT PITHERS POINT PARK, AGENCY ONE RESERVE – TREATY NO. 3 TERRITORY:

WHEREAS IT IS THE DUTY OF THE TREATY NO. 1 - NO. 11 CHIEFS ACTING COLLECTIVELY, IN ADDITION TO ACTING ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONS/TRIBES TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE TREATY WAY OF LIFE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE MEMBERS AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS; AND

WHEREAS THE TREATY NO. 1 – NO. 11 CHIEFS SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TREATY PROTECTION OFFICE; AND

WHEREAS THE TREATY NO. 1 - NO. 11 CHIEFS WILL CONSTRUCT AND INSTRUCT AN AUTHORITY (THE AUTHORITY) TO OPERATE THE TREATY 1 -11 PROTECTION OFFICE BASED ON TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL LAW & ORDER; AND

WHEREAS THE TREATY 1 -11 PROTECTION OFFICE WILL OPERATE PURSUANT TO THE DIRECTION OF THE AUTHORITY AND FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE WORK PLAN ESTABLISHED AT EDMONTON, ALBERTA AND LOWER FORT GARRY; AND

WHEREAS THE ELDERS OF TREATY 1 -11 HAVE INSTRUCTED THE TREATIES 1 – 11 CHIEFS TO MOVE FORWARD IN ASSERTING OUR EXISTING AND INHERENT INDIGENOUS, TREATY AND INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLES OF TREATY 1 - 11 ALSO REFERRED TO AS A PART OF NORTH AMERICA, OVER WHICH HER MAJESTY IN RIGHT OF CANADA, AND HER MAJESTY IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCES OF CANADA, ASSERT SOLE AUTHORITY IN AN AREA SHE CALLS CANADA, AND ON WHICH HER PRIVY COUNCIL SITS ALSO AS THE MINISTERS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA; AND

SUBJECT: CALL FOR CANADA TO FUND NEGOTIATIONS AND TRANSFER OF THE IMPROPERLY SURRENDERED LANDS AT PITHER'S POINT PARK AND SUPPORT FOR THE AGENCY ONE FIRST NATIONS TO ENSURE THE LANDS ARE LEGALLY RETURNED TO THEM, AS AGENCY ONE RESERVE LANDS.

WHEREAS THE TREATY NO. 1 – NO. 11 CHIEFS SUPPORT THE AFFECTED FIRST NATIONS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE 2009 EXPIRATION DATE OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES LEASE AT PITHER'S POINT COINCIDES WITH THE LEGAL RETURN OF POSSESSION AND OCCUPATION OF THESE IMPORTANT LANDS BY THE ANISHINAABEG;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TREATY NO. 1 – NO. 11 CHIEFS IN ASSEMBLY STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS AND WORK OF THE AFFECTED FIRST NATIONS AND THE GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3 TO ENSURE THAT PITHER'S POINT PARK IS LEGALLY RETURNED TO ITS ORIGINAL RESERVE STATUS: AS AGENCY ONE LANDS; AND

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT THE TREATY NO. 1 – NO. 11 CHIEFS DEMAND THAT THESE IMPROPERLY SURRENDERED LANDS REQUIRE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HONOURABLY AND APPROPRIATELY FUND THE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS THE RETURN OF THE PITHER'S POINT PARK LANDS BEFORE THE 2009 EXPIRATION OF THE PRESENT LEASE BY THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES.

MOVED BY: PROXY CHIEF, COUNCILLOR JACQUELINE DANIELS,
LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION – TREATY NO. 1.

SECONDED BY: CHIEF NORMAN BONE, KEESECKOOWENIN OJIBWAY
NATION – TREATY NO. 2.

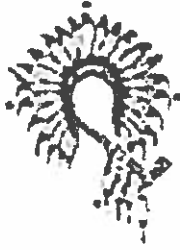
QUESTION CALLED

ONE ABSTENTION

DISPOSITION: CARRIED

CO-CHAIR: 
RON LAMEMAN

RESOLUTION CHAIRPERSON: 
SARA MAINVILLE



CHIEFS OF TREATIES 1 – 11 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION: 06-08-2008/ #05

SUBJECT: TREATY GATHERING FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING WITH THE CROWN'S REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS TREATY CHIEFS, HEADMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONS FROM CROWN TREATIES No. 1 – No. 11 DID MEET IN A DULY CONVENED GATHERING ON AUGUST 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2008 AT PITHERS POINT PARK, AGENCY ONE RESERVE—TREATY No. 3 TERRITORY:

WHEREAS IT IS THE DUTY OF THE TREATY No. 1 - NO. 11 CHIEFS ACTING COLLECTIVELY AND ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONS/TRIBES, TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE TREATY WAY OF LIFE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE MEMBERS AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS; AND

WHEREAS THE TREATY NATIONS ACROSS CANADA HAVE BEEN MEETING ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE TREATY MAKING.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE TREATY 1 – 11 GATHERING IMMEDIATELY NEGOTIATE A MEETING WITH THE CROWN AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH THE TREATY NATIONS OF CANADA TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE THE IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION OF THE TREATIES; AND

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT THIS GATHERING TAKE PLACE IN THE SUMMER OF 2009 AT AN AGREED UPON LOCATION ON TURTLE ISLAND.

MOVED BY: JACQUELINE DANIELS, COUNCILLOR (PROXY) OF LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION TREATY No. 1

SECONDED BY: CHIEF NORMAN BONE OF KEESEKOWENIN OJIBWAY NATION TREATY No. 2

DISPOSITION:

CO-CHAIR:


RON LAMEMAN

RESOLUTION CHAIRPERSON:


SARA MAINVILLE